PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Manz et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/780,230

FILED: February 9, 2001

FOR: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING SAMPLE INTRODUCTION IN

MICROCOLUMN SEPARATION TECHNIQUES AND SAMPLING

DEVICE

EXAMINER: Starsiak, John S.

ART UNIT: 1753

CONFIRMATION NO. 8918

Petition for 1-Month Extension of Time

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant petitions for a 1-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Notice of Appeal filed on February 9, 2004 extending the period for response to May 9, 2004, which fell on a Sunday, thus extending the due date for response to the following business day, Monday, May 10, 2004.

- - Enclosed is a check including the amount due.
- Applicant petitions for an additional Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this petition and enclosures.
- Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment for timely consideration of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,

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